



SHEEPMEN ARE PROTESTING

Oregon Sheepmen Want Range Themselves.

FULTON LENDS HELP

Woolgrowers Protest Against Department Giving Washington Sheepmen Their Ranges.

RECLAMATION WORK STOPPED

Announcement of Interior Department That Reclamation Work Would be Confined to Present Projects, Causes Fulton to Protest.

ASTORIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., February 13.—In the rapid evolution of the policy to be pursued by the forestry officials in treating with stockmen desiring range privileges on reserves, an important question has already arisen in Oregon. The supervisor of the Wenaha reserve has given Washington sheepmen leases on portions of the reserve in Oregon, under the announcement that the Washington sheep were wont to feed there during the summer. Oregon sheepmen, protesting through the Umatilla County Wool Growers' Association, assert that much of this range accorded Washingtonians has been used in the past by them in a predatory manner, and that the action of the forestry officials is perpetuating the wrong.

The effect of the present situation is that Washington men have a total of 174,260 sheep on the entire Wenaha reserve, while the Oregon men have a total of but 25,740. There is said to be a total of 37,230 Washington sheep on the Oregon side, which is more than the Oregon people themselves have on their own side of the reserve. Sheep owners paying taxes in Umatilla county insist that they would use all of the Oregon side of the range, if but forced out.

Fulton is Working.

Senator Fulton has been working with the department to change such a policy, and the case has resolved itself into a question of fact. The department, acting under the instructions of its Wenaha supervisor, proceeds on an assumption of facts which is contradicted by the sheep men. The result will be a formal investigation to learn the real situation, as the Oregon Senator intends to insist upon fair play, and will not be content with the mere statement of officials that their policy is adhering to the former range practices.

For Good Roads.

In making preliminary arrangements for the construction of a mile of good road on either side of the Cascades, Senator Fulton has been urged by Judge John H. Scott, of Salem, president of the Oregon Good Roads' Association, to strive at all times to keep the average cost of work down to the lowest figure. Judge Scott holds that owing to the

sparse settlement in Oregon, such a demonstration will have value in proportion to its permanence and initial cost. The Senator has taken this point up with the government officials who will have charge, and hopes that the experimental work will be a lesson in economy as well as in the new science of road construction.

No Reclamation Work.

Announcement of the Interior Department that reclamation work for some time would be confined to present projects, because available funds are pledged, is dejecting for the Oregon workers in Congress. Oregon's contribution to the reclamation fund being larger than other States, her people expected proportionate work, but have been disappointed. The varied troubles through which the State has passed made all efforts in her behalf the past year unusually difficult, and just as these were being swept aside, the department expressed the purpose of entering upon no new work. Senator Fulton has been contending with the Interior Department for a long time that his State has as many practicable projects for reclamation as any other, and should be given money in proportion to its contribution to the fund. He hopes yet to establish this principle, so as to have it observed in the future.

FEARS FOR SAFETY.

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 13.—Fears for the safety of the schooner Tam o' Shanter, two weeks overdue from San Pedro are felt.

VALENCIA VICTIMS

Witnesses in Los Angeles Suit Drowned on Valencia.

SPIRITED AWAY BY SON

Roy Hazard, Son of Defendant in the Suit Persuaded Sisters to Leave With Him on Ill-Fated Ship Under Assumed Names.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Mabel Rowland, a victim of the Valencia, whose body was identified by her father, H. L. Rowland, a victim of the Valencia whose R. C. yesterday, it is supposed left this city in company with her sister, Lulu and Roy Hazard, and it is also believed the latter two perished with her on the Valencia. Mabel and Lulu Rowland were the principal witnesses in a suit, against E. L. Hazard, a real estate broker in this city, it is charged they were taken away by young Hazard in order that they might not testify against his father. It has been pretty well established that Roy Hazard and the Rowland girls took passage on the Valencia under assumed names and as Lulu Rowland and young Hazard are not accounted for it is thought beyond a doubt that they too were lost.

SUBMITS NOTHING.

German Prince and French Premier Hold Conference.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The German ambassador, Prince Radolin, had a conference with Premier Rouvier today. An official note issued tonight states the Prince did not submit any new propositions relative to the Moroccan situation. All negotiations on that subject, the note adds, will necessarily take place at Algiers.

HEINZE SELLS MINES

Properties Bought By Amalgamated Copper.

LONG STRIKE TO END

Transfer Means Mines Tied By Litigation Will Resume Operations.

MANY MILLIONS INVOLVED

Transaction Involves Property Valued at Millions of Dollars—Terms of Big Deal Not Yet Known—Development of Property to be Pushed.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—Arthur C. Carson, representing Thomas F. Cole, of Duluth, this morning took possession of all mines and mining property of F. Augustus Heinze and the United Copper Company in Silver Bow county, which have been in controversy or litigation with the Amalgamated Copper Company. This means that peace has come to the warring copper mining interests of Butte.

The announcement that a sale of the Heinze properties had been made came in a telegram this morning from John D. Ryan, managing director for the Amalgamated Copper Company, who is now in New York.

Mr. Ryan, with his attorney, left Butte for New York early last November on the business deal which was consummated today. He was closely followed by Mr. Heinze. Since then many reports had been received that a deal was pending, but no official announcement of the fact was made until today, when it was concluded.

The transaction involves property valued at many millions of dollars. No intimation was received here today from official sources as to the terms of the deal. It is only known that Heinze has sold all his interests in Silver Bow county and that he has been completely eliminated from the copper mining operations of this district. His properties have been acquired by interest-free to the Amalgamated Copper Company, and it is understood that the development of the properties transferred today will be pushed with all possible speed.

CUT TO PIECES.

ALBANY, Feb. 13.—Frank Wicks, aged fourteen years, was killed by a freight train this evening. He attempted to board a train running 20 miles an hour, missed his hold, and was cut to pieces.

DORA IS LOST.

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—The revenue cutter Rush, sent out in search of the lost steamer Dora, wired the Seattle custom house today from Seaward that she was unable to obtain news of the lost vessel.

NO IMPURE FOODS.

DES MOINES, Feb. 13.—The Senate passed unanimously the Newberry Pure Food measure, a drastic bill prohibiting commerce in adulterated or impure foods.

CHANGE MEETING PLACE.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—It is announced that the State Christian Endeavor Convention has been transferred from Eugene to Corvallis and meets on February 22nd to 25th.

COMMISSIONERS ARRIVE

Government Commissioners For Valencia Investigation in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—The special commission appointed by the President of the United States to investigate the Valencia disaster arrived in Seattle tonight from Washington. The members of the commission appointed by the President are Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor and Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations, and Captain W. T. Burwell, of the United States navy.

PROPOSE AMENDMENT.

Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee Will Propose Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Indications at today's meeting of the Senate committee on Inter-State Commerce are, that an amendment will be proposed tomorrow, on which the supporters of the court of review feature, for railroad rate legislation, may agree. The phraseology of the amendment has not been demonstrated, but may be decided upon at the conference of Senators Elkins, Aldrich, and one or two others opposed to the bill as it stands.

DEFEAT BILL.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 13.—The House defeated a bill to give women the right to vote at local option elections.

PRESIDENTS AGREE

Anthracite Operators Decide on Line of Action.

READY FOR THE CONFERENCE

Presidents of the Anthracite Roads and Independents Outline Policy of Action in the Coming Conference With Union of Mine Workers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The anthracite mine operators, including the presidents of the coal carrying railroads and several independent operators, came to a general agreement today on the policy they will pursue in the conference to be held Thursday between themselves and the President and other representatives of the union of mine workers. All the presidents of the anthracite roads and a number of independent operators are expected to be present and about fifteen of the miners committee including President Mitchell. It is expected the miners committee will put forward their demands at the first meeting. The intention of the operators is then to adjourn the meeting in order to take time to consider their reply. The president of one road said to the Associated Press today that while the operators knew their position they would not reply hastily, but give due consideration to the demand of the union.

GHASTLY FIND.

Whaler Orion Picks up Valencia Victim With No Head.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—While engaged in whaling today, the whaler Orion picked up another victim of the Valencia, eight miles southwest of Cape Bale. The body was a male, of average height, the head being missing. Though the collar remained on the neck and the shoes and stockings were still on, they offered no means of identification. This is the forty-second body recovered.

GETTING READY.

French President-Elect Re signs Presidency of the Senate.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—M. Fallieres today resigned the presidency of the Senate and also his Senatorship as preliminaries to taking up the duties of President on Sunday next.

HOSTILITY IS SPREADING

Chinese Anti Foreign Feeling is Strong.

JAPANESE INCLUDED

Celestials Display Hostility Toward Japanese Who are Settling Manchuria.

ILL FEELING IS FOSTERED

Everywhere Chinese Officials Display Hatred of Foreigners—Chinese Are Demanding Indemnity From Russia for War Losses—Will Build Navy.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—According to advices of the steamer Pleiades which arrived today, Chinese newspapers are daily devoting more and more space to foreigners, and a strong anti-foreign feeling is shown. Japanese correspondents in Pekin in noting this stated that the anti-Japanese feeling is also growing in China, and considerable feeling is displayed by prominent officials because of the continued influx of Japanese into Manchuria, Mongolia, Shinkiang and Kiangsi within the last few months.

Everywhere the feeling of aggressiveness against the foreigner is being fostered, the boycott being but an incident and Russian activity which was borne passively before the feeling of Chinese national spirit came into being. China is now demanding indemnities from Russia for riots which involve the Chinese in losses consequent to the war and its effects.

It is expected all post bellum arrangements between China and Russia will then be considered. Projects for the reconstruction of the Chinese navy are being mooted at Pekin, the empress dowager selecting fifteen youths of noble lineage who will be dispatched to Europe to be instructed in naval matters. The army, too, is being reconstructed with much enthusiasm.

MAY BE CONSPIRACY.

Expressman Injured by Explosion of Box Intended For Transport Meade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The Post says H. L. Laughran, an expressman, was seriously injured Saturday in the Santa Fe railroad sheds where he was sent to procure a box belonging to Company B, Second United States Infantry, and convey it to the transport Meade which sailed that day. Accidentally he dropped it and the contents exploded. The box is declared similar to one placed on the Meade in the section of the hold where the fatal fire occurred a few weeks ago. Both boxes were said to contain the personal effects of the officers of Company B. Major Devo, chief of the transport service, has appointed a commission of officers to investigate the mystery.

FORTIFICATION BILL UP.

House Discusses Tax Expenditures of Money by War Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The fortification appropriation bill held the attention of the House today in a much heated argument, first over the lax methods in the expenditure of public moneys and second over the location of the proposed \$15,000,000 naval station in the Philippines. Gillespie, of Texas, made an unsuccessful attempt to get into record a statement of the grievances of the coal operators and shippers of Pennsylvania. As retaliation Williams, the Democrat leader, inaugurated a filibuster over the question of adjournment. Smith of Iowa advocated an amendment to the rules, which will compel annual reports of the various House committees, which have supervision over the expenditures in the various government departments. He urged this as a preventative to bureaucracy, toward which he saw was the present tendency.

PACKERS' PROCEEDINGS.

Witnesses Testify Same Old Things About Government Inquiry.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Two witnesses were on the stand in the packers' trial today, both employees of Swift & Company. Their testimony was a rehash of what the others have told relative to the inquiry made by the government agents at the offices of the packers. Nothing important developed today.

MAGOON TESTIFIED

Appears Before Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals.

OPPOSES EIGHT HOUR LAW

Governor Magoon Not in Favor of the Eight-Hour Principle in Canal Construction—Endorses Taft in Respect to the Bigelow Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Governor Magoon appeared before the Senate committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals today. He expressed himself as opposed to the eight-hour principle in canal construction. Replying to Simmons, whether there was a disposition among Panama people in favor of annexation, the Governor said the only discussion he had heard was last summer when a rumor was circulated that a union between Panama and Costa Rica was being arranged, that Panamanians said if there was to be any union with any government they preferred the United States. Referring to the Bigelow article Magoon said he endorsed the letter of Taft and Chief Engineer Stevens in the matter. Statements from foreign consuls, and ministers of the gospel, denying that women were taken from Martinique to the canal zone for immoral purposes, were offered.

LOOKS WARLIKE.

Department Orders 4,000,000 Ball Cartridges for China Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—An order for four million ball cartridges has been received from the Ordnance Department at the Frankfort arsenal here. They are to be of .30 calibre, Krag-Jorgensen type. It is believed they are intended for the troops in the Philippines for possible service in China.

JOHN A. M'CALL BELIEVED TO BE IN DYING CONDITION

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The last rites of the Roman Catholic church were administered today to John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company, at Lakewood, N. J., where he has been seriously ill for some time. McCall had a sinking spell,

and doctors were hastily called. His condition is such that the family is advised to be prepared for the worst. Subsequently McCall rallied somewhat, but his condition remains critical. Besides Mrs. McCall, there are now in constant attendance three physicians and three nurses.

AMERICA WILL SOLVE THE MOROCCAN DISPUTE

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Standard's correspondent at Algiers telegraphs his papers under yesterday's date: "I am in position to assert that the final solution of the Moroccan dispute will emanate from America. Ambassador

Henry White is only awaiting the right moment to submit his proposal, which it is believed will prove acceptable to both France and Germany. I have Mr. White's authority to state a successful issue is confidently expected."